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SUBJECT: DOG ISLAND

1. MEETING ON DOG ISLAND HELD IN EUR/NE WITH BRITISH EM-BASSY (WILBERFORCE, WALKER) AND DOD, PM, AND ARA REPRESENTATIVES MAY 8. BRITS HAD LITTLE NEW INFORMATION TO CONTRIBUTE, SINCE WEBSTER VISIT TO LONDON POSTPONED AND RESULTS JOAN LESTER'S CURRENT VISIT TO CARRIBBEAN, INCLUDING NEW APPROACH TO BRADSHAW, NOT YET AVAILABLE.

1. WE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF OBTAINING EARLY AUTHORIZATION TO SEND DOD CONTRACT TEAM TO DOG ISLAND TO ASSESS SUITABILITY FOR WEAPONS RANGE. BRITS SAID ANTICIPATED SUFFICIENT BASIS BY END OF MAY TO REACH DECISION ON WHETHER TO RECOMMEND MINISTERIAL AUTHORIZATION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY, WE TOLD BRITS THAT FULLER STATEMENT TO PUERTO RICANS ON DOG ISLAND TALKS NOT NECESSARY FOR TIME BEING. BRIEF CONTINGENCY PRESS STATEMENT AGREED UPON IN LONDON APRIL 16 HAD SUFFICED FOR THIS PURPOSE.
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POSE. BRITS INDICATED NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSAL THAT FULLER

PUBLIC STATEMENT ON CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS OVER DOG ISLAND
COULD BE DEVELOPED AND MADE BEFORE JULY 1. KISSINGER

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